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Press Release on 150 Years of India Meteorological Department (IMD)

India Meteorological Department (IMD) is completing 150 years of services to the nation and globally. The IMD was formally established on 15th January 1875. During 150 years of its existence, IMD has contributed immensely to the development of Meteorology and allied subjects. The sesquicentennial celebration provides an opportunity to remember IMD's story, demonstrate growth and evolution, and set the stage for the future. For over 150 years, innovation has played a critical role in IMD's development. New products and services have been developed over the years to provide effective weather & climate forecasts and early warning services to cater to the needs of different sectors of society. IMD not only caters to the Indian region but also provides a range of early warning services to its neighboring countries.

Office of Climate Research and Services (C R & S), IMD, Pune, conducted various activities to commemorate the occasion of 150 Foundation Day to showcase the essential contribution of weather, climate, and hydrological services to the safety and well-being of society. The activities also aim to increase public awareness about weather, climate, and climate change. This year, CR&S Pune has celebrated 150 Years of the India Meteorological Department (IMD) by arranging a painting competition, plantations, blood donation, sports, singing competition, and a Meteorological Exhibition.

IMD has celebrated the completing of 150 years of its foundation on 14-15 January 2025. The sesquicentennial celebration function was organized at CRS Pune on 14th January 2025, following the national-level program in the forenoon and an invited talk in the afternoon.

The webcast of IMD Foundation Day Program has been streamed live from Bharat Mandapam New Delhi where **Honorable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed the nation**. This was followed by the invited talk on “**Climate Change Threat to Society: Solution for Natural Hazards**” by **Dr. Manoj Khare, Scientist G** and HoD, HPC-ESEG Group CDAC Pune. Further, a meteorological exhibition open to the public is arranged on 15th January 2025.

The exhibition showcasing the weather and climate services activities of CR&S Pune will be conducted on 15th January 2025, at 10:00 AM. Live demonstration of meteorological and seismological instruments, ‘Be a weather observer’ segment for students to take their own weather observation, a short documentary film on ‘Expedition to Antarctica’ will be shown. The exhibition is open to all.
